

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3158 - HB 3210

February 13, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the Department of Education to establish, administer and monitor a system of competitive grants and technical assistance for eligible organizations providing after school educational programs consistent with Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee. Such grants and technical assistance shall be available in any fiscal year in which the financial assistance program for attendance at post secondary education institutions located within this state is funded and excess funds are available from the lottery for education account for other educational purposes and projects. Such grants and technical assistance shall supplement non-lottery educational resources for after school educational programs and purposes. Grants and technical assistance shall be awarded to public and not-for-profit organizations that provide after school educational programs within Tennessee in accordance with rules promulgated by the State Board of Education and recommended by the Commissioner of Education.
- Provides that an organization shall be eligible if such organization operates a program that is available to students at least 20 hours per week on a year round basis and shall be designed to address the needs of children five years old or older and enrolled in elementary or secondary grades. Such program shall maintain an enrollment that is at least 80% children who are low income, abused, neglected, members of dysfunctional families, enrolled in failing schools, enrolled in another public school instead of a failing school due to parent choice, or at risk of failing one or more school subjects.
- Requires the Commissioner of Education to report its findings and recommendations annually concerning the system of competitive grants and technical assistance to the Speakers of both Houses of the General Assembly, the co-chairs of the Select Committee on the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation, and the Governor. The State Board of Education would have rule making authority to carry out the provisions of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,000,000 Earmarked From Unclaimed Lottery Prize Money - Included in Governor's 2004-05 Recommended Budget

Estimate assumptions:

- The Lottery Implementation Law established a special account in the state Treasury to be known as the *after school programs special account*. Fifty percent of monies constituting unclaimed prizes are to be deposited into the account.
- Minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Education associated with the reporting requirements and the promulgation of the rules and regulations.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director